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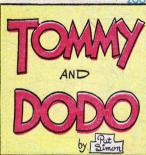


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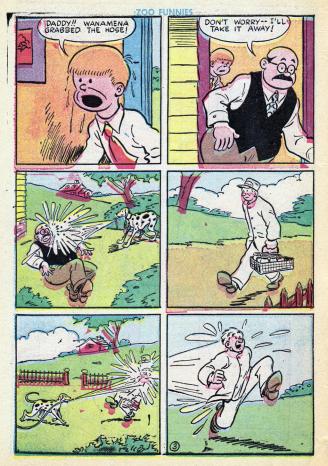


































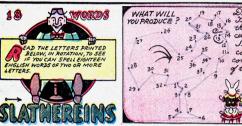




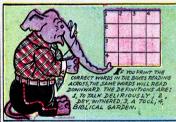




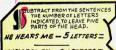
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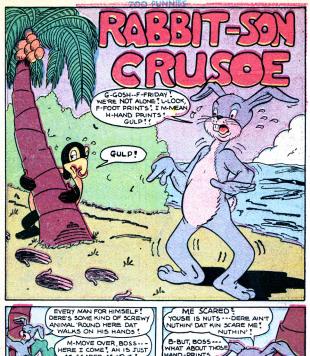
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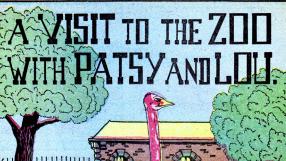












THE LEGEND PERSISTS THROUGHOUT THE LAND,
THAT THE OSTRICH BURIES HIS HEAD IN THE SAND
WHEN HE BELIEVES HIMSELF IN DANGER!

THIS PECULIAR BIRD HAILS FROM THE SANDY PLAINS OF AFRICA. THE MOTHER DEPOSITS HER EGGS IN A SHALLOW NEST--



THE EGGS, OFTEN UP TO 30 IN ONE LAYING, ARE ENORMOUS, WEIGHING ABOUT 3 POUNDS EAGU ETHEY ARE GOOD TO EAT MOTHER OSTRICH SITS ON THEM DURING THE DAY AND THE FATHER DURING THE NIGHT --



BOTH PARENTS TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE LITTLE ONES AFTER THEY ARE BORN--



LOOKING AT THESE YOUNGSTERS NOW, ONE WOULD HARDLY THINK THEY WILL GROW TO A HEIGHT OF FROM 6 TO 8 FEET?



ALTHOUGH WILD OSTRICHES ARE GETTING SCARCER, THEY ARE BEING RAISED IN GREAT NUMBERS ON HUGE FARMS FOR THEIR BEAUTIFUL PLUMAGE AND THE HAND-SOME, DURABLE LEATHER THEIR SKINS PROVIDE --



THE OSTRICH IS A VEGETARIAN, BUT OFTEN SWALLOWS LARGE STONES, GLASS AND IRON FRAGMENTS TO AID DIGESTION--



THE LONG-LEGGED, LONG-NECKED BIRD HAS A PAIR OF SMALL WINGS, BUT CANNOT FLY. HOWEVER ITS POWERFUL LEGS ENABLE THE OSTRICH TO OUTDISTANCE THE FLEETEST HORSE ---



THE OSTRICH IS THE LARGEST KNOWN BIRD. IT HAS NO VOICE AND ONLY TWO TOES, THE HIND TOE BEING ABSENT. ---



## Just Call Me Sam

I used to wonder, and a lot of people still do, why it is that animals have such complicated Latin names. Why don't they call a rabbit a rabbit, and an elephant an elephant,—and let it go at that? No, they don't do it. These chaps that write the text-books on Zoology prefer to call an ordinary Cotton-tail Rabbit a hard to pronounce name like—Sylvilagus transitionalis. An elephant, if he comes from Asia, is called an Elephus Maximus. That's not too bad, Elephus is easy—that means an elephant. Maximus is fairly easy too. That means maximum or big. Thus the two together mean—a large or maximum sized elebhant.

But suppose the elephant happens to come from Africa, as quite a great many do. Do they call him—Elephus maximus africas? No, they don't. They call him Loxodonta africana. Don't ask me why.

Now the off-hand explanation for this hightoned reference to an ordinary mug or run ofher-mill animal is this. There are many languages spoken in the world, and many people are constantly talking or writing about animals. So, in order that everybody, knows what the other fellow is talking about, some bright guy thought up the idea of using Latin names for all the animals.

For example, we call a dog a dog. The French call him a chien. The Saxons call him a hund. So in order to understand what we're talking about, everybody would have to know all three languages. (By the way, us Americans also call them—purps, pooches, mutts, mongrels, hounds, curs—usually with good reason.)

So, this bright fellow solved the problem by calling the whole dog family—the Canida—from which we get the name Canines. The Canines include Wolves, Jackals, Dogs and Foxes. Each of them has a separate genus or

species name, but we won't go into that right now. We'll go to the dogs some other time. Instead we'll wander into the Monkey house, and see what's cooking.

Joe the Chimp (Habitat Africa—Sunday name Joe Pan Troglodytes) has just finished his noon-day meal of fruit (bananas south americas), and as he absent-mindedly picks his teeth, he remarks to Murphy the Gorilla.

"Say, Murph, you old gorilla gorilla, wouldn't you like to have a corona corona after your lunch. You're supposed to be almost human?"

"Begorrah," replies Murphy, "that I would, that I would. Some guy (homo sapiens;—Habitata Brooklyn) threw a nice fat butt in me cage yesterday, and I ate it. It was very toothsome. That it was—that it was."

"Now look here, my fine furred friend," said Joe, "Just because the experts call you a gorilla, is no reason why you have to say everything twice. I always hear you the first time. Furthermore, where do you get that Irish brogue?"

"I was born in the Dublin Zoo. Has anyone a better right to spake the tongue as it should be spoke? So be off with ye—baboon."

"I'm no baboon, Murphy, I'll have you know, I'm a chimpanzee, and it says in the book that I'm the smartest of the lot of you. I can be taught to eat with a knife and fork, and tuck a napkin under my chin. Someday, maybe, I'll get a contract in Hollywood. I'll send a picture to pin up. On the other hand, it says in the same book that you gorillas don't have much of a future. You get ornery and rough. You'll probably wind up in a circus in an air-conditioned cage."

"Well, if I do," replied Murphy, "I'll be getting the top billing and me name in lights. While you monkeys will be in the menageric, 700 FUNNIES

I'll be under the big top with the acrobats and performers."

"Include the chimpanzees out of the monikeys, if you don't mind, Mr. Murphy. Why don't you start practising now to pound you chest and look fierce? You could start in a small way here by frightening the younger children."

"I wouldn't be thinking of it, Joe, I've a friendly disposition and a kindly nature, and rwould be the last thing I'd want to do—to frighten the little spalpeens. I'm content to remain here. "It's cool in summer, and warm in winter, The food is good, and there's plenty of it. Of, course, I can't be choosing the bibboons and chimps they put in the cages on either side of me. Some of them could improve their manners. Present company included, to be sure."

"Well, Murphy, you'll deny it, of course, but you snore like a foghorn. You're all right when you are awake. It's when you're asleep that you become a nuisance to us all. Couldn't you try sleeping on your side instead of your back?"

"I never snored in me life. "Tis the echo of your own noises that you hear, I'm sure."

"Ho, ho," laughed Joe, "that's a hot one. I wish they'd bring in one of those recording machines, and put that gentle breathing of yours on a record. The sound-effects man in a radio studio could use it as hurricane noises."

"Well then," said Murphy, "there's a distinction to it. I never did do things by halves."

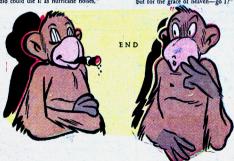
Looks like we got off our target back there someplace. We start giving out a lesson in Natural History, and before you know it we're listening to a couple of wind-bags chewing the fat in the monkey house.

Personally, I'd rather eavesdrop on a couple of high-class anthropoids (apes to me and you) kidding each other, than be a droop, and spout a lot of Latin nouns just to show how smart I am.

Who cares, for example, whether the goodnatured old shob of an overgrown monkey, sitting in a corner of his cage over there, is a Maccas sylvans or a Maccae fuscata? Who cares whether that Orang-utan, who is looking at his fingernails as if speculating about a manicure is a pongo or a pygmaeus or both. Not me.

Call 'em Mabel or Joe or Imogene or Cecil or Sam. They don't care as long as they get those three squares a day, an intelligent and well-behaved audience, and a nice hard shelf to sleep on and dream their pleasant dreams.

As Joe said to Murphy the other day—as he pointed to the Keeper. "Breathes there an ape so dead who never to himself has said—there—but for the grace of heaven—go 1?"



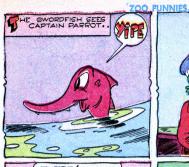




























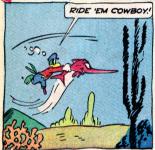












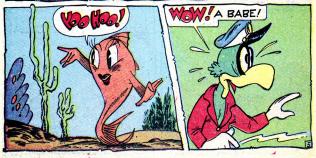


































# UNUTUAL ANIMALI

YOU CAN FIND ME ONLY ON THE ROCKY ISLANDS OFF THE COAST OF NEW ZEALAND ---



THERE, ON TIMY, BLEAK STEPHEN
ISLAND, INHABITED ONLY BY THREE
LIGHT HOUSE KEEPERS AND THEIR
FAMILIES, I HAVE SURVIVED THROUGH
OUT THE CENTURIES ---



I GROW TO ABOUT TWO AND A HALF FEET IN LENGTH AND RESEMBLE A LIZARD, BUT AM DISTINCT FROM IT--



AM CALLED A "LIVING FOSSIL". - OF THE FOUR GROUPS OF REPTILES: ALLIGATORS & CROCODILES, TURTLES & TORTOISES, SWAKES &LIZARDS AND HATTERIA, I AM THE SOLE MEMBER OF THE LATTER - --



BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF EUROPEANS
I LIVED ON THE MAIN LAND, BUT ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY PLOS, INTRODUCED
BY CAPT. COOK, AND ALLOWED TO RUN
WILD, HAVE ALL BUT EXTERMINATED
MY SPECIES ---



AM NOW PROTECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. - I LIVE IN HOLES WHICH I DIG WITH MY POWERFUL FRONT FEET, MUCH LIKE A DOG--



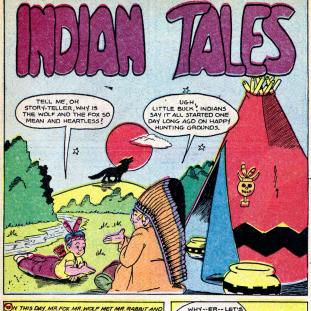
MOVE SLOWLY, AM FOND OF LYING FULL LENGTH IN THE WATER AND OFFEN SHARE MY DWELLING WITH THE NEW ZEALAND MUTTONBIRD OR PETEL ---



I REPRESENT AN ORDER OF REPTILES EVEN OLDER THAN THE DINOSAUR AND SPORT A THIRD EYE TO PROVE IT---





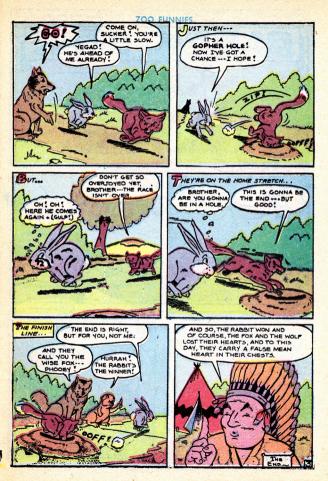


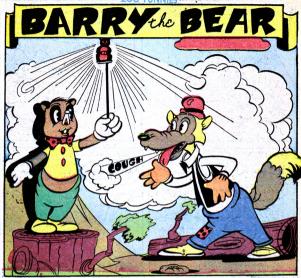








































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ALL IT SAY'S IS TO PUSH A TINY BUTTON AT THE END OF THE MAGIC SKUNK AND HOLD YOUR NOSE!





OUR ONLY CHANCE
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NOTHING

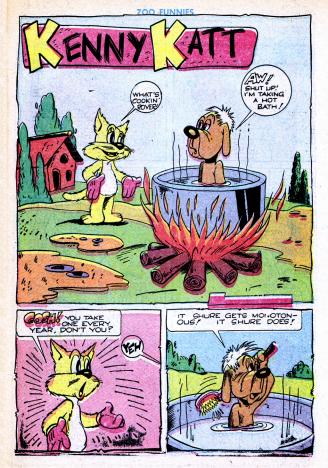








ARMFUL OF MASCOTS - SNUGGLY CUDDLED IN THE ASBESTOS HELMET OF PHIL BARABAS, THREE DALMATIAN PUPS BORN AT THE NAVY FIRE FIGHTING SCHOOL. (OFFICIAL U.S.NAVY PHOTO)







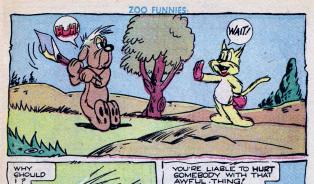




























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